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DOVER MAN INDICTED ON TAX CHARGES AND FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION OF AN ELDERLY ADULT

(Wilmington, DE) – Director of Revenue Patrick T. Carter announced today that the Grand Jury for the Superior Court in Kent County returned a three-count indictment of financial exploitation and tax fraud against a Dover man.

Majid Sefiane, 44, was charged with two misdemeanor counts of failing to file State of Delaware personal income tax returns for tax years 2006 and 2007. Sefiane was also charged with one felony count of financial exploitation of an infirm adult.

Sefiane is a consultant and part-owner of a debt collection firm located in Dover, Delaware, yet he failed to file a state tax return and report his business income in 2006 and 2007.

Additionally, investigators say that from November 2005 to April 2006, Sefiane also knowingly took possession of over \$168,000 belonging to an elderly victim and converted those funds to his own bank accounts. It is alleged Sefiane abused his authority as the victim's caretaker in order to acquire the victim's funds for his own purposes.

The felony count of financial exploitation is punishable by up to a maximum 15 years in prison. The two misdemeanor tax offenses are each punishable by up to a maximum one year in prison and up to \$2,300 in fines.

The current charges against Sefiane resulted from an investigation conducted by the Delaware Attorney General's Office and the Delaware Division of Revenue's Criminal Investigation Unit.

Sefiane awaits arraignment and a trial date in Superior Court in Dover.

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